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PLAN TO DELAY GRAND JURY IS BACKLASH

HEPBURN'S STATEMENT OF OKMULGEE AFFAIRS

PLAYS GOVERNOR FOR ACTION IN JURY DISCHARGE

Says He Has Evidence of Bribes Paid Dennis for State Funds

STAND IS UNYIELDING

Declares None of Statehouse Crowd Will Participate in New Investigation

CHRISTOPHER IS ACCUSED

County Attorney Reiterates His Charges Made in Court Before Judge Fied

HARVEY E. RHODES

World Staff Correspondent.
OKMULGEE, Feb. 10.—Out of the stirring events, rumors and excitement following Superior Judge H. R. Christopher's action in discharging the grand jury, several facts are evident and outstanding. It is now apparent that if this grand jury had been allowed to deliberate until its work was finished, at least one and possibly several indictments would have been included in the list of indictments. County Attorney James Hepburn stated this afternoon that he had been ordered by the grand jury to prepare indictments against State Bank Commissioner Fred G. Dennis, who has just resigned this position because of alleged ill health. The county attorney intimated at the same time in unmistakable language that Governor J. B. A. Robertson would also have been the subject for an indictment.

Can't Locate Judge

Hepburn explained he had not been ordered by the grand jury to prepare an indictment against the governor, but he added, "I am confident I would have been ordered to do so if the grand jury had been allowed to continue its work." This statement is significant, as Hepburn was at all times in communication with the grand jury. Superior Judge H. R. Christopher cannot be located. Where he has gone no one in Oklahoma professes to know. Hepburn and numerous others freely express the opinion that he will never return to Oklahoma. And considering the manner in which he made this statement it probably would be an exhibition of good judgment on Christopher's part to make his home in some other city. It was reported here this afternoon that the superior judge was seen in Henryetta and that business men there, many of them his old friends, invited him to move on to some other place more agreeable to his presence. The judge's home is locked tight and window shades are drawn. No one has been seen to enter since Thursday noon.

Feeling Is High

If one would obtain the sentiment of Okmulgee citizens concerning Governor Robertson, State Bank Examiner Dennis, Judge Christopher and others, let him question any one of the 2,500 depositors in the Bank of Commerce, many of whom lost the savings of a lifetime when it failed. They are not belligerent or maliciously angry. But they show hesitancy in expressing their feelings against those who are alleged to have been implicated in the so-called looting of this institution. Furthermore, Attorney General

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The Grocery Pages

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Drilling Contractor Admits Membership in Ku-Klux Klan During Buck Garrett Trial

By Associated Press Staff Wire.

ARDMORE, Feb. 10.—Rupert E. Martin, drilling contractor of Healdton, this morning admitted being a member of the Ku-Klux Klan, and stated that to the best of his knowledge the Klan knew of conditions in the oil fields of Carter county, when he was called by the state in the ouster trial of Buck Garrett, suspended sheriff. Martin said that he did not know the number of the Klan at Healdton, but he felt sure that the members knew of the wide open conditions. He further stated that while he had no judges or bore no malice against Garrett as a man, he was very much against him as an official. Following his line of attack established yesterday morning, the state is endeavoring to bring as many members of the sheriffs

force into the range of fire as possible. Bud Ballew, right hand man of Garrett for more than six years, and Horace Kendall, one of the oldest deputies on the force, were mentioned as witnesses as having been seen in gambling and booze joints and in association with immoral women. The defense has undertaken to show that an organized clique in the oil fields has been endeavoring to "get" Garrett's job. State witnesses were asked regarding a meeting said to have been held at the Humble Oil company camp at which time it was stated that "the Humble company is big enough to put any man out of business who wouldn't go after Garrett."

CITY BUILDING

AIM OF CHAMBER

Chas. B. Peters Delivers Inaugural Address to Commerce Chamber

ACTION FOLLOWS WORD

Appoints Committee to Work With Mayo Brothers in Building New Hotel

Declaring that he intended to make of the Chamber of Commerce a militant, aggressive organization for city building, Charles B. Peters, oil operator and newly elected president of the chamber, suited action to the word by naming a committee to work with the Mayo brothers in building the construction of the new Mayo hotel as rapidly as possible.

Appointment of the committee, of which he himself is a member, was made at the Friday luncheon immediately following the inaugural address outlining his policy for the coming year.

President in Fact.

That he intended to be president of the chamber in fact as well as in name and in that capacity he shall expect to receive the active co-operation of the other officers, the directors and the members was made clear by the new president at the beginning of his talk. His program for the year, as outlined by him in concise and comprehensive outline, was one of active and energetic work for the improvement of the city building from the improving of railroad and interurban facilities to the making provision for home building and living for men of modest income. Officers of other civic organizations and a large membership of the chamber warmly welcomed the new president, introduced by J. Burr Gibbons as "the man who has outgrown every city in Oklahoma but Tulsa."

Pledging the support of the organization he now heads in bringing about the speedy completion of the construction work for securing an adequate water supply for Tulsa, Peters stressed the fact that a new modern hotel is Tulsa's next greatest need. He said he was making a move to have the chamber help meet this need. Peters named Grant McCullough, James McGraw, John R. Hadley, Eugene Lorton and E. R. Kemp members of the committee to co-operate with the Mayo brothers, stating that he himself expected not only to serve on that committee but to contribute to the project.

Oil Essential Factor.

If the Mid-Continent Oil & Gas association should move its offices to Tulsa, within a year Tulsa would be the oil center of the nation instead of Tulsa, Peters stated. Because of the fact that it is the dominating factor in maintaining Tulsa as the oil metropolis of the continent by bringing it annually more bona fide operating oil men and more real oil business than probably all other places combined. Looking to the future, much impressed with the importance of a close association between the chamber and the Mid-Continent Oil & Gas association, the new president heads a strong, energetic and well informed committee to keep in touch at all times with the Mid-Continent. He went further and stated that he believed it would be to the best interests of all concerned for the chamber to furnish and maintain free of charge quarters for the Mid-Continent.

Linking up of Tulsa with Muskogee, Vinita, Nowata, Bartlesville, Pawhuska, Pawnee, Drumright and Okmulgee by means of paved roads in order to put 600,000 people in Tulsa's trade territory within a year.

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TWO BIG NATIONS

CRIPPLE PARLEY

France and United States Both Against Meeting Called at Genoa

PROSPECTS DARK NOW

French Attitude Helps U. S., Which Is Not Forced to Offend Europe

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—

France's thinly veiled distrust of the Genoa economic conference as revealed today in Premier Poincaré's note to the United States and allied governments, is expected here to put a final quietus on the advancement of plans for holding the early, March 3, the date originally set by the British-Italian promoters.

Conference Completely Balked.

Although for different reasons, the French and American governments now find themselves on virtually the same ground with regard to the Genoa conference, both are opposed to it and the belief was general here today that against the combined opposition, the British and Italians can do little else but call it off, or postpone it three months, as Poincaré suggested.

The conclusions reached by the French government, however, note that the conference aims have not been sufficiently made clear, and that March 3 is too early a date anyway—is a fair reflection of the administration's attitude today, even though Paris and Washington arrived at these conclusions through different methods and for different reasons.

Why Uncle Is Backward.

The United States is skeptical of the conference because the administration feels that Europe has not attempted to help itself by reducing armaments and balancing budgets, and because it is suspected there will be talk of cancelling war debts, and lastly, there is distinct aversion to sitting down and dealing with Lenin and Trotsky as equals.

INDIAN WANTS 25 MILLIONS

Creek Says Oil Companies Have Unlawfully Withheld His Allowance.

MUSKOGEE, Feb. 10.—Suit for \$25,000,000 was filed in the United States district court this afternoon by Harriet Honey and other heirs of Ullie Eagle, a Creek Indian, against the McMan Oil & Gas Co., the Couden Oil company, The Prairie Oil & Gas Co., and other producers of oil. The plaintiffs charge the defendants have disseminated the former of extensive oil leases in the Creek nation for a period of 12 years during which time the property alleged to have produced oil valued at the sum sued for.

Another Bank for Pauls Valley.

PAULS VALLEY, Feb. 10.—Application was made today to the comptroller of currency for a charter for what is to be known as the Pauls Valley Exchange National Bank. It will be the third national bank for this city.

THE WEATHER

TULSA, Feb. 10.—Maximum, 31, minimum, 46. Southwest wind, clear. OKLAHOMA: Saturday a scattered, colder; Sunday partly cloudy.

STANLEY & MCNEE
Funeral directors, 430 S. Boulder. Phone 6, 1325-1396. Ambulance service—Advt.

HARDING PLACES PARLEY'S PACTS BEFORE SENATE

Defends Work of Armament Conference in His Speech; Asks Adoption

BORAH FOR TREATIES

Announces He Will Support All if He Finds Them True to Harding Description

INVOLVE NO ENTANGLEMENT

Sanction Them, He Warns, or All Efforts at Peace Will Be But 'Hollow Mockery'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—

President Harding late today submitted the seven principal treaties of the armament conference to the senate, inviting "prompt approval" of them, and assuring the senators who listened in rapt attention that "there are no entanglements, alliances or involvement" which require the United States to surrender "any worthwhile tradition."

"Either these treaties must have your cordial sanction," warned the chief executive, "or every proclaimed desire to promote peace and prevent war becomes a hollow mockery. Conference knew its ground. 'I am not unmindful,' declared the president, "nor was the conference unmindful, of the sentiment in this chamber against old world entanglements."

"But I can bring every assurance that nothing in these treaties commits the United States or any other power, to any kind of an alliance, entanglement or involvement. It does not require us to surrender a worth while tradition."

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No Registration Books Open for Special Election

Registration books will not be opened for the special city election to be held February 21. It was announced Friday. However, persons who have reached voting age since the last election or who were out of the city and did not register may vote by affidavit at the charter election. It was explained that the registration law provides that the books be opened at least 20 days before any regular election, of which the city election is one. The registration books will not be opened until March 2. At that time they will be kept open until the night of March 11. This registration is for the fall primaries. It was explained by officials.

INVOKES SPIRIT

FOR MORE CLUES

"Thought From Dead Director" Said to Discount Revenge Theories

SAFETY BOX IS SOUGHT

Close Friend of Dead Man Authority for Statement He Had Two Secret Caches

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10.—

Some dramatic re-enactment of the murder of William Desmond Taylor was staged for District Attorney Woolsey, heading the new central investigation of the case at the scene of the slaying today.

Chaufeur Takes Taylor's Place. Woolsey's chauffeur, Ammon Packer, laid himself on the floor of the Taylor home in the exact position in which the slain man was found.

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OKLAHOMA'S GREATEST NEWSPAPER

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The Sunday World

Lincoln, Man of Mercy

The World has fittingly observed the fact that Sunday, February 12, is the birthday of the famous emancipator and has prepared a comprehensive story, abundantly illustrated, on Lincoln's life.

The Face on the New Dollar

The artist chosen to design the new Liberty dollar chose for his model, his wife, and the result of his work is fully explained in the Sunday World with an illustrated story.

Harding's First Portrait

How Mrs. Harding practically engineered the painting of the portrait of the president. She thought the portrait was too serious. Illustrated.

Film Folk in Taylor Mystery

A complete and comprehensive pictorial review of the Taylor murder case, almost a full page of interesting pictures which would be appreciated in this way should be used for compensation purposes.

Let 'Em Vamp, Says Mayor

After looking over the bathing beauties, about which a reformers society complained, St. Petersburg's millionaire mayor-bachelor decides not to interfere with the continuing of fair bathers. Illustrated.

Tulsa's Dairying Industry

A history of the business of providing milk for the magic city and how the dairying business has managed to keep up with a furiously growing city. Now the supply of milk slightly exceeds the demand. An illustrated story.

What Is a Jelly-Bean?

A Tulsa clothing clerk explains the difference between a jelly-bean and a gentleman. It's a matter of buttons. He also explains what is going to be proper in male attire.

Tulsa's Home for Girls. It has saved many lives from slipping into the oblivion of the streets and is one of the constructive forces in the community.

When Rome Honored Pope. A group of pictures of the ceremonies at Pope Benedict's death and the last picture of the pontiff celebrating mass, during his sickness.

A Posing Photo of William. The ex-emperor of Germany is today perhaps in better health than for many years. This picture is the first one he has posed for since the war.

Legion Against Memorial. Veterans oppose proposal to erect immense building in Washington and invest funds which would be appropriated in this way should be used for compensation purposes.

Additional Features. The usual fashion, political and children's departments will appear in addition to the weekly story by Frank H. Simonds, in which he reviews the work of the armament conference.

Readers of The World are warned against imitation of World features and new stories. It is the practice of another publication to purchase an early edition of The World and hastily brief interesting stories so that apparent news will indicate this publication has not been "beaten."

THE BEST SUNDAY PAPER IN THE SOUTHWEST.

BONUS TAX PLAN IS PERFECTED BY HOUSE MEMBERS

Schedule Agreed Upon to Raise \$350,000,000 for First Year

BILL TO BE RUSHED

Measure Will Be Reported to House Early Next Week Under Present Plan

WILL RATIFY BILL TODAY

Senate's Agreement Means Acceptance of Proposals by Full House Committee

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—

Congress today found a way to get the money to pay a soldier bonus. After a lengthy discussion behind closed doors, the tax division of the house ways and means committee agreed upon the imposition of the following schedule of new taxes, designed to raise nearly all of the \$350,000,000 which has been estimated as necessary for the first year.

The New Tax Program.

Tax tobacco 2 cents a pound to raise \$5,000,000.

Tax cigars 50 cents per thousand, \$25,000,000.

Tax automobiles 25 cents per horsepower, \$50,000,000.

Tax gasoline 1 cent a gallon, \$70,000,000.

Tax of one-tenth of 1 per cent on stock and bond transfers, \$63,000,000.

Tax on real estate transfers of \$5 per thousand, \$40,000,000.

Tax theater tickets 20 per cent when over 25 cents in price, \$75,000,000.

Tax of 2 1/2 per cent on undivided profits of corporations, \$22,000,000.

Tax of 1 cent on each 25 cents or fraction thereof of parcels postage, \$26,000,000.

Tax on Checks Rejected.

The suggested tax of 1 cent on bank checks was definitely rejected. Chairman Fordney announced the agreement after a long session with members of the senate finance committee to secure their agreement.

There will be a meeting of the full ways and means committee tomorrow to ratify the work of the subcommittee, should the senate agreement be reached as expected.

The bonus bill will be reported to the house early next week, the leaders said, and rushed to passage under preferential arrangements.

Legislative provisions of the five-year bonus bill were perfected today by a special committee, working under Representative Green, Iowa.

Some minor changes were effected. On Monday republican members of the committee expect to meet with the senate finance committee to secure an agreement on the tax schedule. After this agreement is reached there will be a caucus of republicans and members of the house to ratify the action of the ways and means committee.

BOARD CLOSES ADA BANK

But Vice President Says Institution Not Considered solvent.

ADA, Feb. 10.—The Merchants and Planters National bank here failed to open this morning. A notice posted on the door said: "The board of directors of the Merchants and Planters National bank, under Representative Green, Iowa, some minor changes were effected."

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DISTRICT JUDGE BACKS HEPBURN

Says Any Plan Attorney-General May Have to Reorganize Defunct Bank Must Meet Approval of County Attorney.

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Approaching District Judge Mark L. Bosworth with a plan to delay the calling of a grand jury to probe the failure of the Bank of Commerce here, in order that he might evolve some plan of reorganization for that institution, George F. Rhoads, attorney-general of Oklahoma, was told this afternoon that the grand jury would be called tomorrow to meet the convenience of County Attorney James Hepburn.

"Whatever plan you have must have the approval of the county attorney before it can be acceptable to me," the district judge told the attorney-general in a conference late this afternoon. He indicated, however, that the two officials seemed to have reached a basis for an agreement. It was later announced by the county attorney's office that the investigation of the bank failure would not begin until February 27, a week after the grand jury is convened here. The county attorney announced he had agreed to this plan in order to give the attorney-general ample time in which to work out his plan for reorganization of the bank.

Confess With Wolcott.

Mr. Short will return to Oklahoma City tomorrow to confer with Roy Wolcott, state bank examiner, regarding possible methods of reorganizing the bank to pay off the depositors. In a conference with a committee of the bank's depositors this afternoon, he advanced a plan of issuing warrants on the state guaranty fund to be sold to pay the depositors, as the most practicable method of settlement. The warrants would be taken up by the guaranty fund as it became possible to do so.

The attorney-general spent today in conference with the various factions, going over the bank situation thoroughly, and gaining first hand information regarding alleged violations of the state banking laws. He expressed the desire that those guilty of wrongdoing be punished and asked that the calling of the grand jury be delayed, not to delay punishment of the guilty, but to keep the road clear for a reorganization of the bank which he said, is the most important issue in the case at present.

Judge Bosworth's decision came after he had been in conference with James Hepburn, county attorney, and George F. Rhoads, state attorney-general who arrived here early this morning with instructions from Governor J. B. Robertson to proceed in any way he sees fit in what is termed by officials a critical situation, which resulted from the dismissal by Superior Judge H. R. Christopher yesterday morning of a grand jury as that body was preparing to return indictments against several high state officials in connection with the failure of the Bank of Commerce of this city some time ago.

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and justice and so devoid of regard for their oath that they were indiscreet and about to return indictments against men of political prominence and otherwise for personal and political reasons; and

No Cause for Act. Whereas, the governor has sent the attorney-general of Oklahoma to Okmulgee to supersede the county attorney in the further investigation of the defunct Bank of Commerce and to take charge of the proposed grand jury without any request from the citizens of Okmulgee and without any legitimate cause or occasion, and

Resolved, By the members of the bar association in meeting assembled in the district courtroom of Okmulgee county, Oklahoma, on this 10th day of February, 1922, that a committee of five be appointed by the association to report to the association of said acts and said charges, to take testimony, including that of said judge, to make findings of facts, and to report to the association with any suggestions or recommendations it may deem proper. Be it further

Resolved, That we resent the imputation of Gov. J. B. A. Robertson in his criticism of the personnel of the recently discharged grand jury as unwarranted and unfair to the grand jury of Okmulgee county and to the integrity of said grand jury and we express our implicit faith in said grand jury as being honest men and conscientious jurors; and be it further

Resolved, That we resent in sending the attorney-general to Okmulgee to supersede the county attorney as the county attorney is abundantly able to handle the situation and we do not believe that the governor should have sent any appointee (without reflection upon Mr. Short, attorney-general) to conduct the grand jury investigation where